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ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

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1. FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM TEXT OF STATEMENT BY UNDP
ADMINISTRATOR TO UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL FOLLOWING
STATEMENTS BY VARIOUS DELEGATIONS ON ASSISTANCE TO THE
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE REPORTED REFTEL:

BEGIN TEXT: MR PRESIDENT, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PLO
HAS BEEN PRESENT DURING THIS SESSION OF OUR GOVERNING
COUNCIL AND HE HAS ASKED UNDP'S ASSISTANCE FOR THE
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. I CAN INFORM THE COUNCIL THAT
SINCE NOVEMBER 1976 UNDP HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE PALESTINE NATIONAL FUND WITH RESPECT TO
TWO PROJECT IDEAS. ONE INVOLVES THE STUDY OF THE
INSTITUTIONAL ASPECT OF DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AND THE
OTHER, RESEARCH AND INVENTORY OF THE HISTORICAL AND
CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THIS LAST
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PROJECT, I BELIEVE, IS NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED BY UNESCO.
UNDP HAS ALSO STARTED A DIALOGUE WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE NATIONAL FUND ON THE PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTING
ECOSOC RESOLUTION 2100 (LXIII) AND RESOLUTION 2026
(LXL) AND IN THE COURSE OF THIS DIALOGUE THE CHAIRMAN
WAS FULLY INFORMED AS TO THE POSITION OF UNDP WITH
REGARD TO ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING ASSISTANCE TO

THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

UNDP HAS ALSO CONTINUED CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA AND WITH THE NEW PLO REPRESENTATIVE TO ECWA, WITH THE INTENTION OF EXCHANGING VIEWS ON NEW APPROACHES AIMED AT IDENTIFYING THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. ABOUT A MONTH AGO ON MAY 3, 1978, A REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF ARAB STATES WROTE TO THE NEW PLO REPRESENTATIVE TO ECWA, EXPRESSING THE POSITION OF UNDP WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS 2100 AND 2026. IN HIS LETTER THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR EXPRESSED UNDP'S INTEREST IN AND READINESS TO EXPLORE AVENUES OF COOPERATION AND TO CONTINUE A DIALOGUE REGARDING PROJECT IDEAS AS DISCUSSED IN PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE. THIS LETTER ALSO INDICATED THAT UNDP WOULD MAKE CONTACT WITH THE PLO'S REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK AND A COPY WAS SENT TO MR. AL-ATTAR, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECWA.

I WANT TO ASSURE ALL THOSE DELEGATES WHO HAVE RAISED THE QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE THAT WE SHALL CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS WHICH I HAVE DESCRIBED WITHIN THE MANDATE AVAILABLE TO US. END TEXT. SORENSEN

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